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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John A. Bross

SUBJECT : CIA Graduate Association

1. In reference to your 14 August 1968 memorandum requesting my reaction to the establishment of a CIA Graduate Association I advised orally that I saw no objection. I have since queried both Security and Personnel and neither office has any objection to the proposal. Personnel does suggest perhaps a definition of the term "graduate" so as to eliminate some of the problems in the backup work that they would be expected to perform in providing the names and addresses, etc. of former Agency employees. Obviously such a group would be a good vehicle for some exploitation of recruitment contacts, retiree employment and additionally would serve to strengthen our public relations posture and to some extent our academic and business relations. This would also be a vehicle that would serve some of the points raised by  in his recent paper on university relationships.

2. I see no real obstacle in setting up this program and think it can serve a number of useful purposes and specifically our interest in the Educational Aid Fund. It might be well to discuss this at an EAF meeting to be sure that we have full backing and support across the board.

SIGNED R. L. Bannerman  
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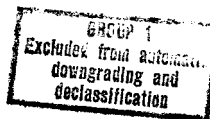
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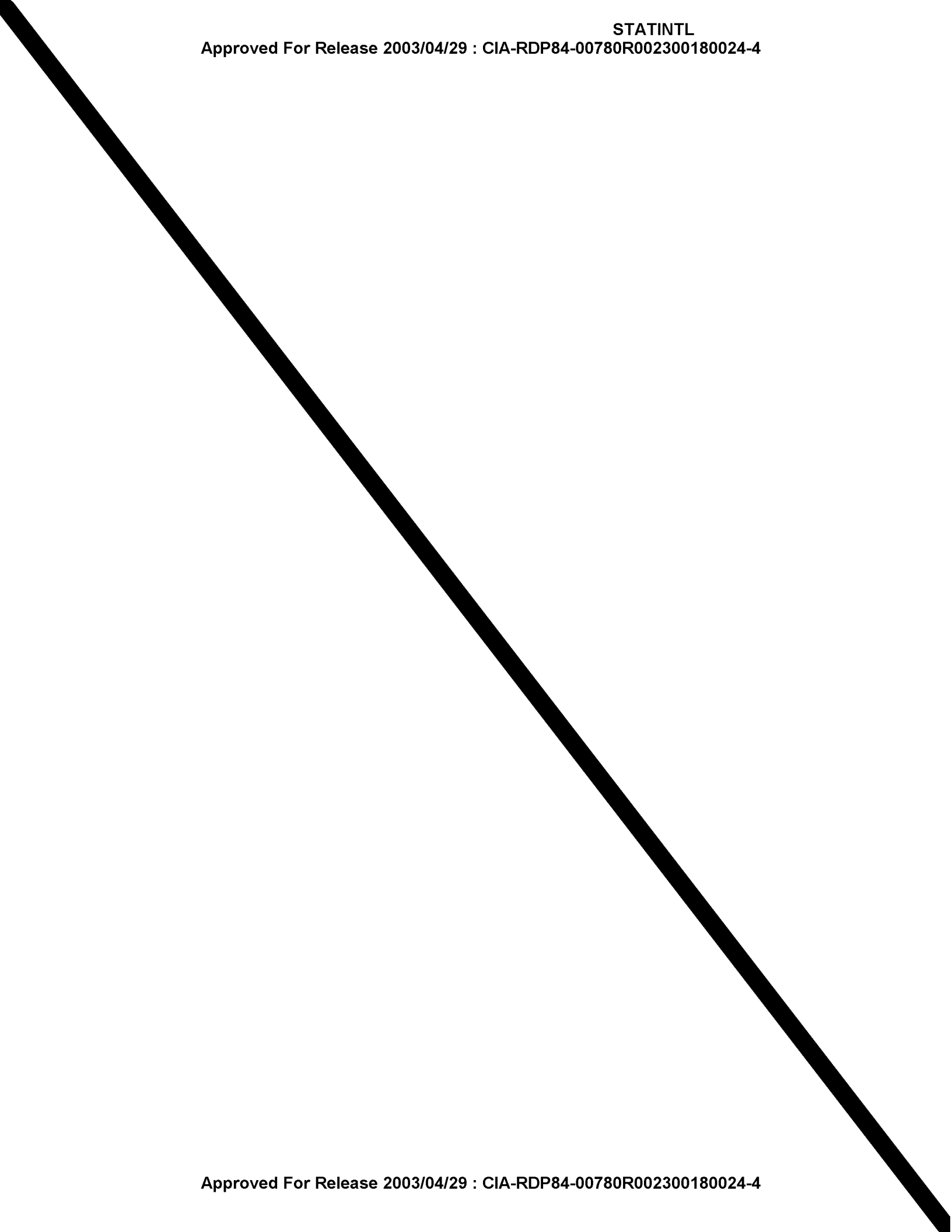
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